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Mr. Alan R. McElwain
The All-Year Club of Southern California, Ltd.
629 South Hill Street
Los Angeles 14, California

My dear Mr. McElwain:

Reference is made to your letter of June 27 in which you request the correct official name of the mountain range north of Los Angeles.

The Board rendered a decision on August 16, 1927, and evidence reviewed since that time supports the Board's decision. The following quotation is from the Sixth Report of the United States Geographic Board of 1933:

"San Gabriel: mountains, California, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, between Los Angeles plains and Mohave Desert, and extending from Cajon Pass westward to San Fernando Pass; lat. 34°10'-34°30'N., long. 117°30'-118°30'W. (Not San Bernardino, Sierra Madre, nor Sierra San Gabriel.)"

For additional and historical information, we refer you to The Dictionary of California Land Names, Phil Townsend Hanna, Automobile Club of Southern California, 1946; and California Place Names, Edwin G. Gudde, University of California Press, 1949.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Meredith F. Burrill

Meredith F. Burrill,
Executive Secretary.

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From Alan R. McElwain, Public Relations
Director, The All-Year Club of Southern
California, Ltd., Los Angeles, dated
6-27-52
(via airmail)

RE: Wd. like to know correct name of
mountain range north of L. A. On enc.
map this range is referred to as the
San Gabriel Mountain...Occasionally
the range is referred to as Sierra Madre
Mountains..what is correct official name..

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629 SOUTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES 14, CALIFORNIA

June 27, 1952

The Director
Division of Geography
Department of Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Because occasionally some question arises regarding the correct name of the mountain range north of Los Angeles, I am addressing this inquiry to your division.

On all maps available in this locality, this range is referred to as the San Gabriel Mountain (as shown on enclosed map). The range extends from the Santa Susanna Mountains at the West to Cajon Pass and the San Bernardino Mountains at the East.

Apparently in times past, the San Gabriel range was referred to as the "Sierra Madre Mountains" and occasionally this name bobs up today, causing some confusion.

Can you tell us the correct official name for the range.

Cordially,

Alan R. McElwain

Alan R. McElwain,
Public Relations Director

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Enc.

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